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SUBJECT: WEIZMAN'S PRELIMINARY COMMENTS ON HIS SALZBURG MEETING

WITH SADAT

1. PRIME MINISTER BEGIN HAD ASSURED ME YESTERDAY, JULY 14, THAT
HE WOULD ASK WEIZMAN TO BE IN TOUCH WITH ME SOON AFTER
HIS RETURN YESTERDAY AFTERNOON TO GIVE ME A BRIEFING
ON THE SALZBURG MEETINGS. WEIZMAN WENT IMMEDIATELY TO
BEGIN'S HOME FROM THE AIRPORT YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND
SPENT AN HOUR AND A HALF WITH THE PRIME MINISTER ALONE.
I WAS NOT CONTACTED BY WEIZMAN AS I EXPECTED TO BE, AND
FINALLY TRACKED HIM DOWN BY PHONE LATE THIS MORNING.
JULY 15.

2. WEIZMAN SAID HE VERY MUCH DID WANT TO SEE ME EITHER
TOMORROW OR MONDAY, BUT THOUGHT HE REALLY SHOULD REPORT
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TO HIS CABINET TOMORROW MORNING. (HE
ALSO MUMBLED ABOUT VARIOUS PRESSING ENGAGEMENTS TODAY.
IT WAS CLEAR THAT HE AND BEGIN HAD DECIDED TO AWAIT THE
CABINET SESSION BEFORE PUTTING ME IN THE PICTURE.) WHEN
I DEMURRED AND POINTED OUT THAT I WOULD BE LEAVING FOR
LONDON MONDAY MORNING, HE IMMEDIATELY AGREED TO GET TO-
GETHER SOMETIME TOMORROW AFTERNOON AFTER THE CABINET

SESSION. I WILL THEREFORE HAVE A READ OUT BY THE END OF THE DAY ON SUNDAY.

3. WEIZMAN WAS IN A VERY EXUBERANT MOOD. HE SAID THAT "THIS WAS A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING, AND A VERY GOOD ONE." HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT IT WAS OBVIOUS THE GAMASY DIMESION WAS IN THIS CASE A COVER FOR SADAT TO SEE HIM. THERE REALLY WAS LITTLE TO DO WITH GAMASY, ALTHOUGH THEY HAD A "GREAT TIME TOGETHER" OVER MEALS AND ELSEWHERE. BUT THE SADAT MEETING WAS THE POINT OF THE EXERCISE, AND "IT WAS EXCELLENT." (IN HIS CHARACTERISTIC FASHION HE RECOUNTED HAPPILY THE FACT THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE HIS MEETING WITH SADAT IN DECEMBER, HE WAS RECEIVED WITH A BIG BEAR HUG AND TWO KISSES*) IN ANSWER TO MY QUERY, HE SAID THAT THERE WERE NO TV CAMERAS PRESENT ALTHOUGH THERE WERE AIDES ON BOTH SIDES IN THE ROOM.

4. I ASKED WEIZMAN WHETHER HE THOUGHT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO GET VERY FAR NEXT WEEK IN LONDON. HE SAID IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION THAT SADAT ASSUMED, "TO PUT IT MILDLY" THAT THE LONDON MEETING WOULD NOT BE A SUCCESS. HE HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT SADAT WANTED TO MEET WITH HIM BEFORE THE LONDON MEETING IN ORDER TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT HOWEVER LONDON WENT IT WOULD NOT LEAVE THE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI DIALOGUE FROZEN OR BROKEN OFF.

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5. I DID NOT TRY FURTHER TO PROBE AT THIS POINT. WILL REPORT FULLY BY SUNDAY EVENING ON WHATEVER HE IS PREPARED TO TELL ME, WHICH I SUSPECT WILL BE A GOOD DEAL IF I CAN GET HIM ALONE.
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